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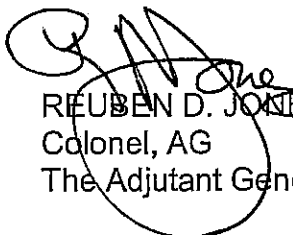
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Absentee Ballot Voting Week

1. The Secretary of Defense has designated the week of 8-14 October 2006 as Absentee Voters Week. Every leader must continue to encourage Soldiers and eligible family members who want to vote to complete and return their ballots to their state of legal residence to ensure they are received in time to be counted.
2. As the 7 November 2006 General Election draws near, the focus should transition from registering to vote to completing and mailing the absentee ballot. Absentee voters who have not received their regular state absentee ballot by 8 October 2006 should complete the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB, Standard Form 186) and mail it to their local election official during Absentee Voters Week.
3. As a reminder, copies of the FWAB must be available on all installations, and your Voting Assistance Officers must make themselves available to provide assistance in completing the FWAB as necessary. The FWAB is also available online at <http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/forms/html>.
4. Voting is a great privilege that we enjoy as citizens of the United States of America. Leadership involvement remains important to ensure the success of the Army Voting Assistance Program as we ensure Soldiers around the globe receive the opportunity to participate in the election process.


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